

Shabbat Update September 3, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

As usual, if you're a loyal reader of the monthly bulletin, much of the information in this Shabbat Update will be familiar. We have three primary sources for information: the weekly Shabbat Update, the monthly bulletin, and the temple's website. NASA believes redundancy is important. Who am I to argue?

B'er Chayim's picnic/potluck is soon, Saturday, September 3. An informal Shabbat morning service in scenic West Virginia at Lakewood begins at 10 am (suits are prohibited as per the Board), followed by the potluck/picnic. Feel free to come anytime. If you need more information, please contact Bruce or Ken.

The Eastview Cemetery Committee has arranged with Preservation Maryland to hold a training session on cleaning grave markers at the cemetery on Wednesday, September 7, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (the next day, September 8, is the rain date). We are looking for volunteers to help and learn, and you do not need to be a member of B'er Chayim. Sign up at this [link](#) or contact Larry 301-697-4343 (email: cycling1945@mac.com).

On Friday, September 16, our annual Potluck

September Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim
Temple is open for
in-person
services.
Safeguards will be
in place - mask
wearing &
observing
safe distances*

*ZOOM services
continue*

**Friday
September 2
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE**

**Saturday
September 3
10:00 am
Outdoor service
at Lakewood,
WV**

Dinner in the Great Outdoors of Allegany County takes place. Shabbat evening service begins at 6:00 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Venue TBD.

- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service schedule for 2022:
- Rosh Hashanah evening: Sunday, September 25, 7:30 pm.
- Rosh Hashanah morning: Monday, September 26, 10:00 am.
- Yom Kippur evening (Kol Nidre): Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 pm.
- Yom Kippur morning: Wednesday, October 5, 10:00 am-1:00 pm (includes Yizkor).
- Yom Kippur afternoon-Ne'ilah: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. Break fast follows.

This year, we are building a sukkah for Sukkot on Sunday, October 9, 10:00 am. Expect some fun decorating activities for all ages.

Georgia Hunter's "We Were The Lucky Ones" is the selection for BCT's first Book Club of the year (after the High Holy Day festivities). I suggest getting the book soon. We have a lot of reading, studying, and praying between now and then.

BCT's Utterly Fantastic Trip to Israel is set for February 17-27, 2023, hosted by Friendly Planet. A link for the flyer may be found on the temple's homepage or by clicking [here](#). A link to register may also be found on the temple's homepage or by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to seeing everyone Saturday. Enjoy the warmth. Winter is coming.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

**Morning Shabbat
Service
followed by
potluck picnic**

**Yahrzeits for
week ending
September 3**

Boruch
Serebryanaya

Lena Brodell

Bess Fichter

Mae Viola
Bernstein

Abraham Kaplon

Morris Wolf

Rabbi Aaron H.
Lefkowitz

Joseph Shapiro

Ida Feldman

Sara Feldstein
Ridgway

Happy

Shof'tim

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Judges

Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9

SUMMARY

- Laws regarding both sacred and secular legislation are addressed. The Israelites are told that in every dealing they should pursue justice in order to merit the land that God is giving them. (16:18–18:8)
- The people are warned to avoid sorcery and witchcraft, the abhorrent practices of their idolatrous neighbors. (18:9–22)
- God tells them that should an Israelite unintentionally kill another, he may take sanctuary in any of three designated cities of refuge. (19:1–13)
- Laws to be followed during times of peace and times of war are set forth. (19:14–21:9)

Birthday

September 1
Beth Goldstein

Happy Anniversary

September 2
Tamar & Alan
Clarke

September 28
Dottie & Larry
Hohing

[share your birthday and anniversaries dates with our friends and families...contact \[info@berchayim.org\]\(mailto:info@berchayim.org\)](#)

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"Virtual" instructions -

*To watch on Zoom -
send an email to
admin@berchayim.org
and the ID and
Password will be
emailed back to you.
The ZOOM Id and*

Password will be the same each Friday evening. Please remember that Rebecca is part time, and leave yourself enough time.

Following along in prayerbooks for ZOOM services:

Links for prayerbooks are found on our website (www.berchayim.org). Those links will take you to Mishkah T'Filah for Shabbat Services.

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